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Whitehall, January 4.

HER Majeſty hath been graciouſly pleaſed to Conſtitute his Grace the Duke of Ormonde Commander in Chief of all Her Majeſty's Land Forces in that part of the Kingdom of Great Britain called England, and Colonel of Her Majeſty's Firſt Regiment of Foot-Guards.

His Grace the Duke of Northumberland is appointed Captain and Colonel of Her Majeſty's Second Troop of Horſe-Guards.

And the Right Honourable the Earl Rivers is made Maſter-General of Her Majeſty's Ordnance, and Colonel of Her Majeſty's Royal Regiment of Horſe-Guards.

Florence, December 22. N. S. After ſeveral Conferences between General Zumjungen on the Part of the Emperor, General Ubaldini and the Grand Prior del Rene on the Behalf of the Great Duke, the Matter about the Quarters to be aſſign'd to the German Forces in the Great Duke's Territories are ſettled, and accordingly thoſe Troops are marched into the Maremne near Sienna. This being likely to prove a very heavy Burthen on the Inhabitants of thoſe Parts, they have ſent to the Great Duke to repreſent how unable they are to bear it in the preſent Circumſtances of that Country; upon which his Highneſs has ordered them Ten thouſand Crowns towards rendring, in ſome meaſure, their Expences more eaſie: It being computed that the Charge of theſe Troops may amount to Three hundred Piſtoles a day, upon a moderate Calculation. Letters from Leghorn of the Eighteenth ſay, the Venetian Fleet of four Men of War, commanded by Vice-Admiral Correro, is come in there with ſeveral Merchant-men very richly laden.

Venice, December 25. N. S. The Order which the Senate ſent to the Vice-Admiral of this State, Signior Correro, whereby he was directed to ſail to Corfu and join the Fleet in that Iſland, happen'd to come too late; two of the Men of War under his Command having been diſperſed, and could not therefore prevent his executing the Orders he had before received to Convoy the Merchant-men to Leghorn. Accordingly we underſtand by an Expreſs from thence laſt Saturday, that he was ſafely arrived there with fourteen Venetian Merchant Ships laden with Goods of very great Value. This has cauſed great Joy here among all the Merchants, who are much revived by this News, after the great Loſſes they have ſuſtained from the French Privateers, who have taken many of their Ships in theſe Seas, to the great Interruption and Damage of the Trade of this Place. They write from Rome, that an Officer arrived there on the Fourteenth Inſtant from Inſpruck, with Letters from the Emperor to the Pope, who on the Eighteenth held a Conſiſtory, wherein he gave Notice of the King of Spain's being choſen to the Imperial Dignity: He made a Speech in Praiſe of his Imperial Majeſty, and ordered all the Cardinals to join with him in their Prayers for a Happy and Proſperous Reign, to the Advantage of Chriſtendom and the Church. In the Evening the Cannon were fired, and all the Miniſters and Perſons of Quality, that were in the Intereſt of the Houſe of Auſtria, illuminated their Palaces. And on the Nineteenth the Pope held a Chapell, to implore a Bleſſing upon his Imperial Majeſty, and to thank God for his Election.

Kinſale, December 23. Captain Wade, in Her Majeſty's Ship the Adventure, arrived here this Day; ſhe came laſt from Newfoundland, and in her Voyage put into Bantry-Bay, from whence ſhe proceeded hither. She has on Board the Soldiers that were ſent hence to thoſe Parts the laſt Year. Colonel Nicholſon having taken this Opportunity of returning, is landed here, by whom we underſtand that all the Forces of that Country, which marched under his Command, are come back ſafely to New-England; whereof we ſhall have a fuller Account upon his Arrival in England.

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